



# **NORTHWEST MOUNTAIN REGION RUNWAY INCURSION ACTION TEAM EVALUATION**

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# Definition of Runway Incursion

Any occurrence at an airport involving:

- **an aircraft**
- **a vehicle**
- **a person**
- **or an object**

on the ground that creates a collision hazard or results in loss of separation with an aircraft taking off, intending to take off, landing, or intending to land.



# Sedan versus DC-10





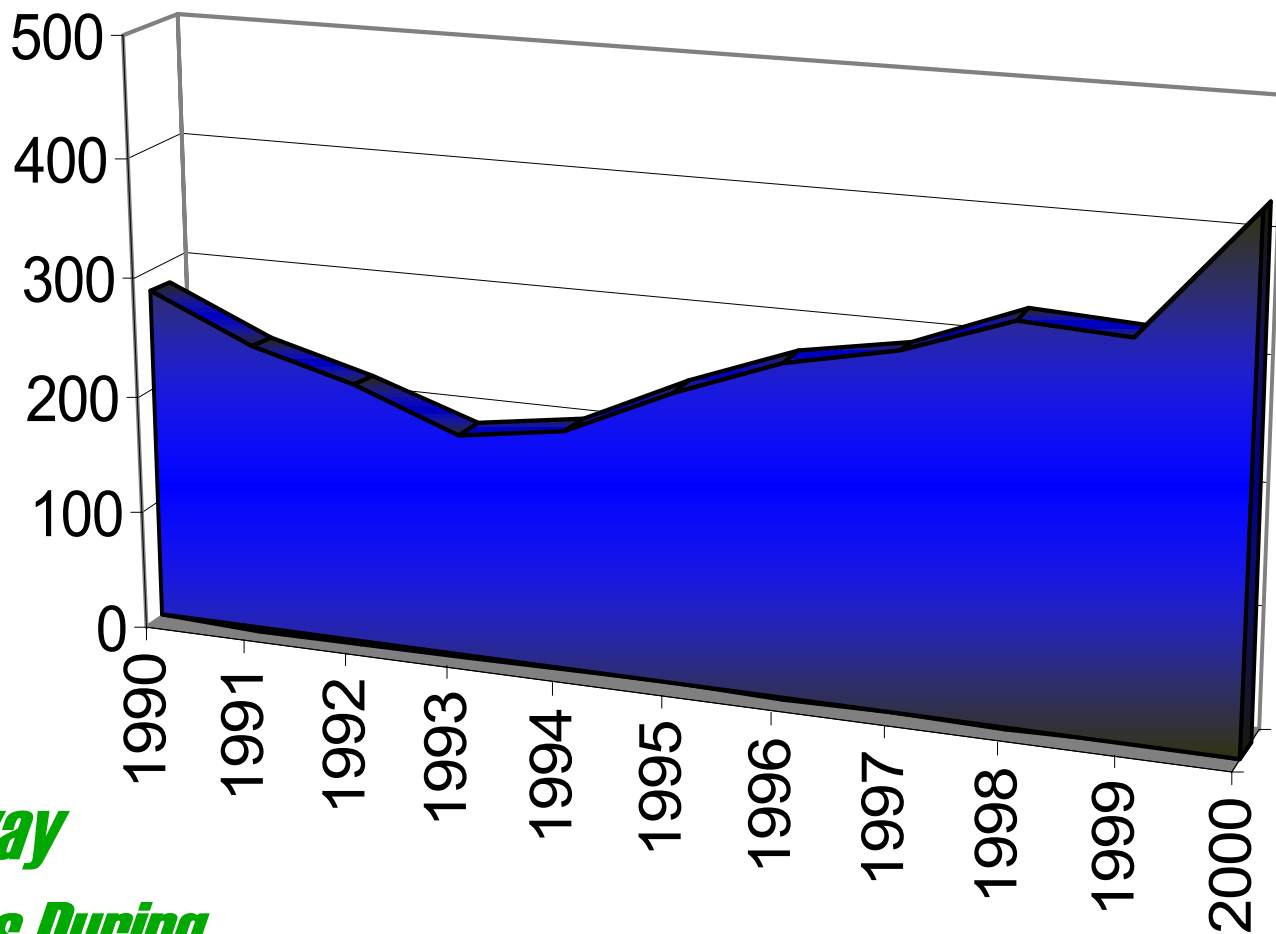
# Runway Incursion Types

Runway incursions result from three types of surface incidents:

- **Operational Errors (OE)**
- **Pilot Deviations (PD)**
- **Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations (V/PD)**



# Trends

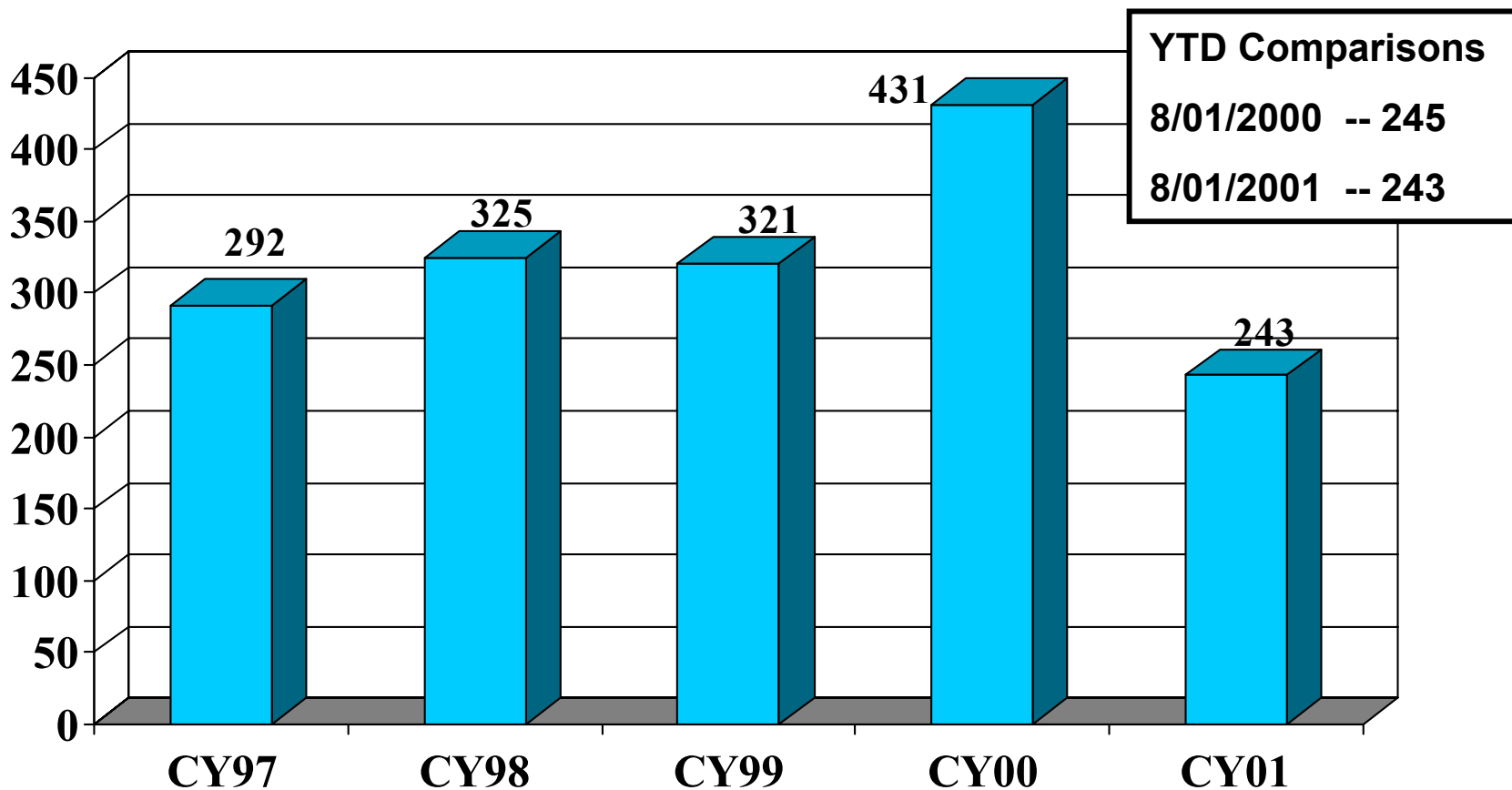


***431 Runway  
Incursions During  
CY 2000***



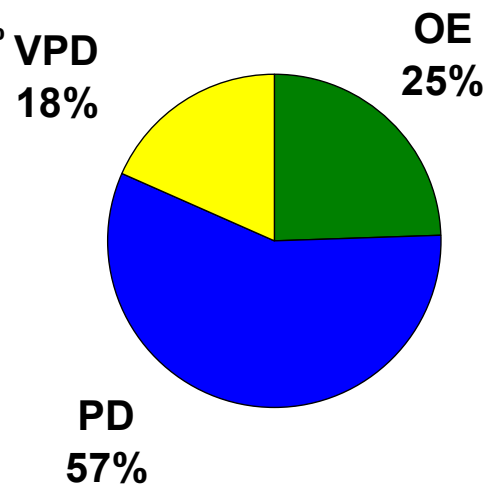
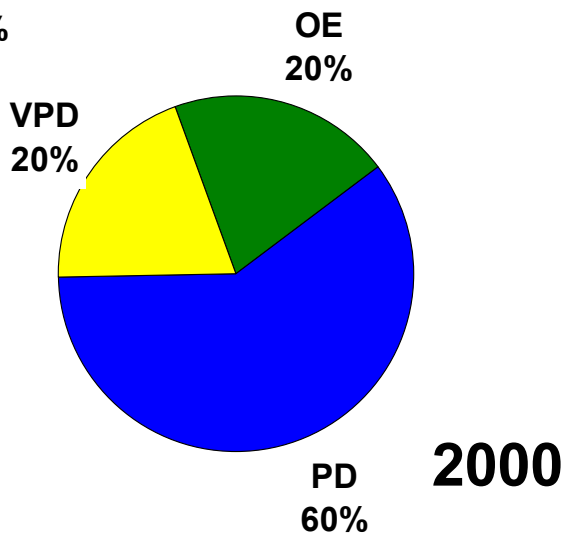
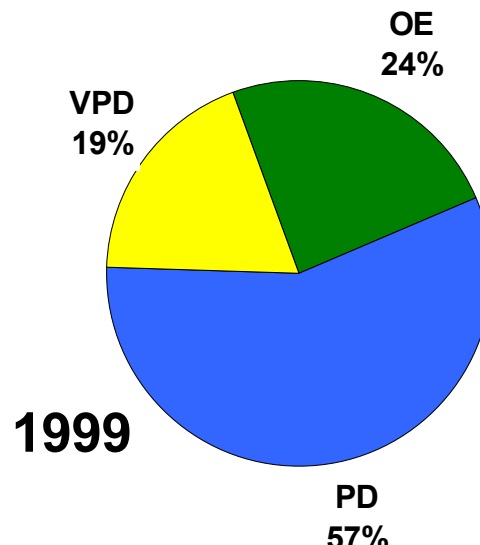
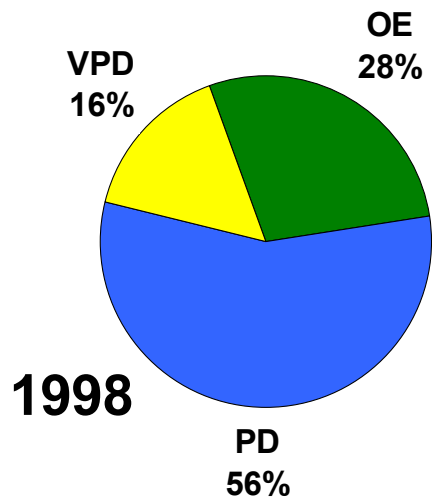
# RUNWAY INCURSIONS

**CY97 to DATE  
(as of 8/01/01)**





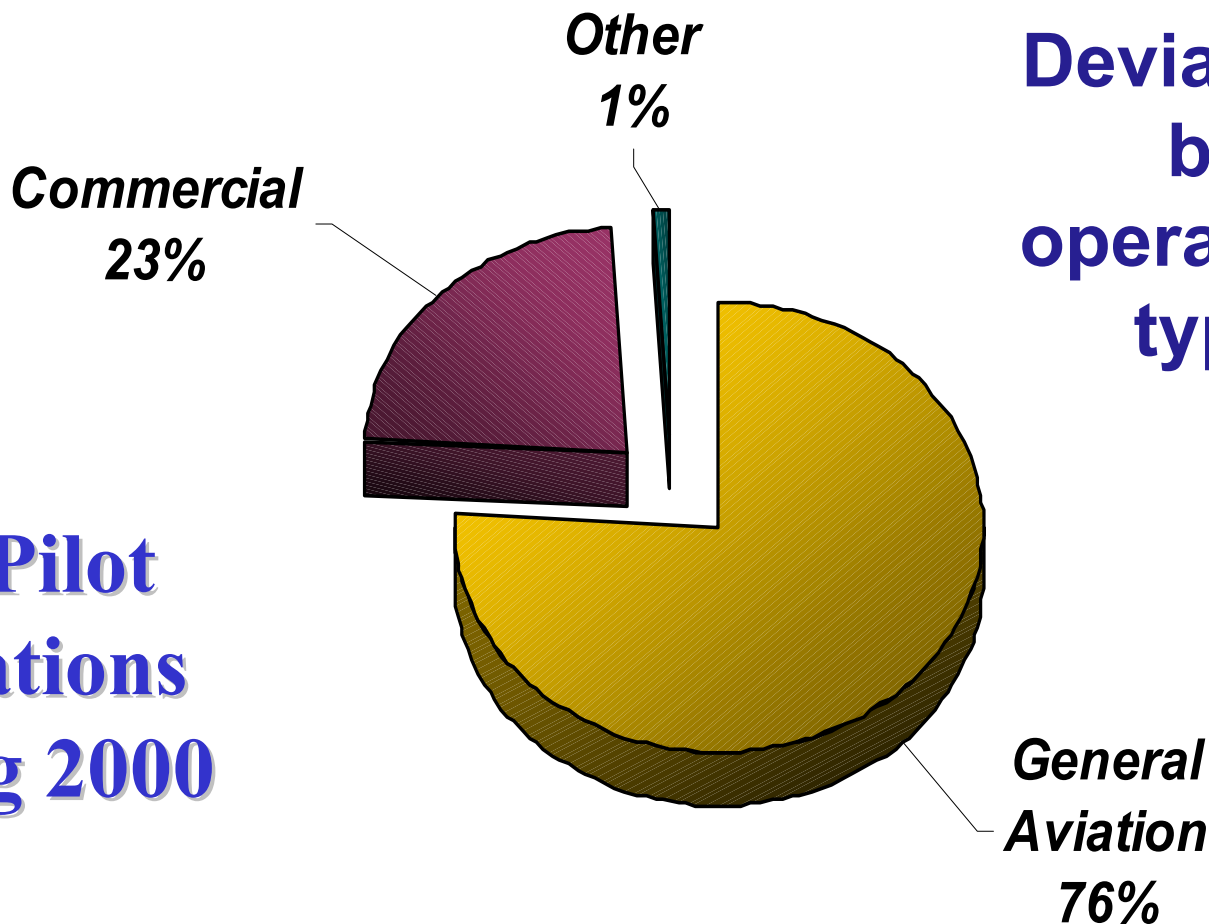
# Trends - Incursions by type





# Trends

## Pilot Deviations by operations type



**256 Pilot Deviations during 2000**





# Top Incursion Airports

## *CY 2000*

LOCATION	LOC ID	OPS	RI	RATE
North Las Vegas Arpt, NV	VGT	229,703	16	6.97
Montgomery Field/San Diego, CA	MYF	260,235	9	3.46
Fort Lauderdale Exec, FL	FXE	263,359	9	3.42
Merrill Field, Anchorage, AK	MRI	201,148	8	3.98
Long Beach Arpt, CA	LGB	416,766	8	1.92
Logan Arpt, Boston, MA	BOS	512,985	8	1.56
Los Angeles, CA	LAX	786,421	8	1.02
Jeffco Arpt, Denver, CO	BJC	177,319	7	3.95
Concord Arpt, CA	CCR	212,112	7	3.30
Orange Co/John Wayne Arpt, Santa Ana, CA	SNA	405,473	7	1.73
Santa Barbara, CA	SBA	163,865	6	3.66
Lambert Fld, St. Louis, MO	STL	490,779	6	1.22
Phoenix Sky Harbor Arpt, AZ	PHX	632,360	6	0.95
Troutdale Arpt, OR	TTD	76,252	5	6.56
Teterboro Arpt, NJ	TEB	272,201	5	1.84



# Top Incursion Airports

## *CY 2000*

LOCATION	LOC ID	OPS	RI	RATE
San Jose Arpt, CA	SJC	300,365	5	1.67
Bridgeport, CT	BDR	90,760	4	4.41
Greater Rockford Arpt, IL	RFD	94,571	4	4.23
McGhee Tyson Airport Knoxville, TN	TYS	152,330	4	2.63
Providence, RI	PVD	157,470	4	2.54
Sarasota/Bradenton Arpt, FL	SRQ	174,515	4	2.29
Palwaukee Muni, Chicago, IL	PWK	185,236	4	2.16
Albuquerque, NM	ABQ	233,632	4	1.71
Midway Arpt, Chicago, IL	MDW	303,192	4	1.32
Salt Lake City, UT	SLC	370,681	4	1.08
San Francisco, CA	SFO	437,186	4	0.92
Newark, NJ	EWR	461,457	4	0.87
Cincinnati-Covington Arpt, OH	CVG	486,590	4	0.82
O'Hare, Chicago, IL	ORD	914,131	4	0.44



# Sweeper versus DC-9





# ***RISK ASSESSMENT***



# Why We Assessed Data

- As a result of feedback from 2000 Summit, needed to place runway incursions into another context
- Need a better way to track incursions
- Need a better understanding of where incursions happen
- Need a way to analyze data to get at causal factors
- Need to describe clearer picture of runway incursion incidents – *Not every incursion is a Tenerife*



# What Was Done

- Formed a team of “experts” to assess incursions in detail
- Developed four runway incursion categories – coordinated with ASD and other agency analysis activities (Dr. A. Barnett)
- Mitre and NASA ASRS observed and validated the process



# Definitions

- A** Separation decreases to a point where the margin of safety is so low that the participants barely avoid a collision.\*
- B** Separation decreases to a point where a significant potential for a collision existed.
- C** Separation decreases, or the potential for separation to decrease exists, but ample time and distance exist to avoid a potential collision.
- D** Meets the definition of a runway incursion, with little or no risk of a collision.

\* The data contained in category A includes all accidents that occurred as a result of runway incursions (1997-2000), one in LaGuardia, NY & one in Sarasota, FL.





# Assessment Process

Evaluated over 1350 incidents – all incursions during  
1997 – 2000 – *one at a time*

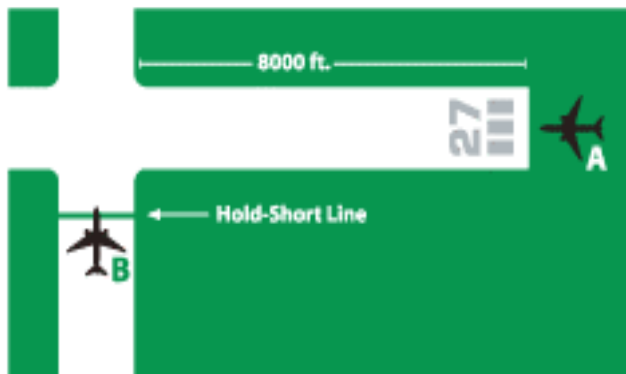
- Projected airport diagram
- Projected all reported incident information
- “Walked-thru” incident and discussed event
- Reached Team consensus and assigned collision risk category (A-D)
- Asked 20+ questions for every incident to collect additional data
- Marked incident location on airport diagram



# Not all runway incursions are “created equal”

## Case 1

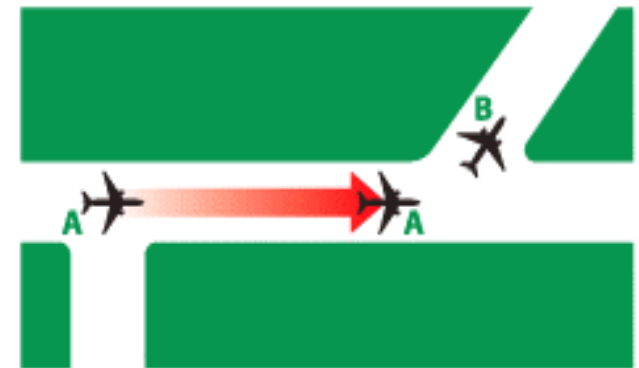
This incident meets the definition of a runway incursion, but there is little or no chance of collision.



- ▶ The potential for a collision is low
- ▶ Most frequently reported incursion

## Case 2

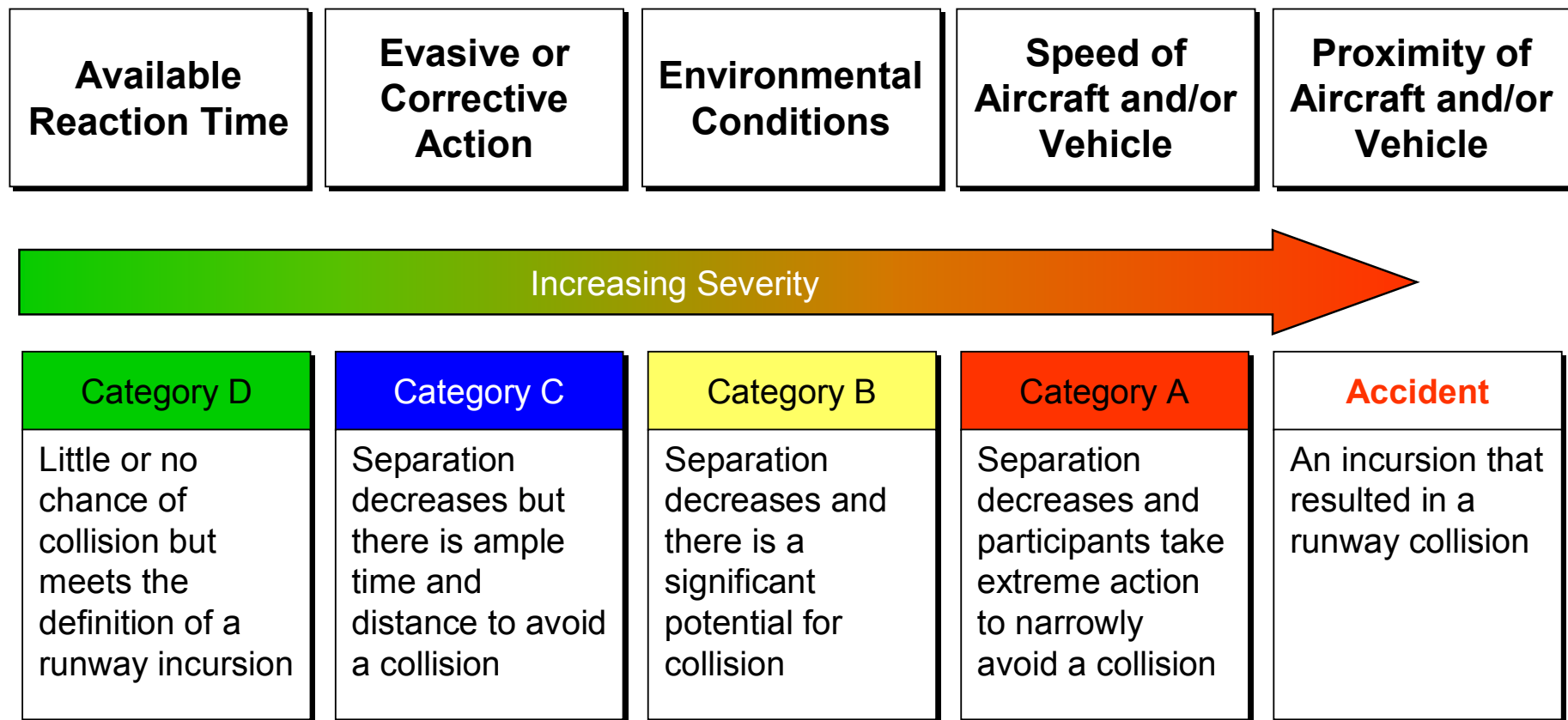
This is a severe situation where the margin of safety is so low that a collision is barely avoided.



- ▶ Potential for a collision is high
- ▶ Typifies the common perception of a runway incursion
- ▶ More severe but less frequent

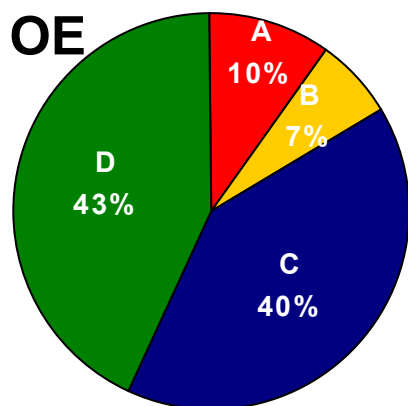
## Runway Incursion Severity

The two simple cases illustrate that a variety of dimensions can dramatically impact the severity of a runway incursion.



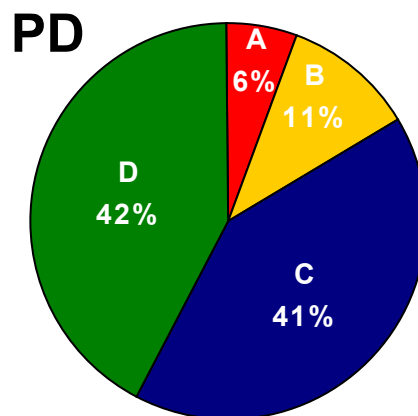


# RUNWAY INCURSIONS CALENDAR YEAR (CY) TO DATE TYPE BY CATEGORY AS OF 08/01



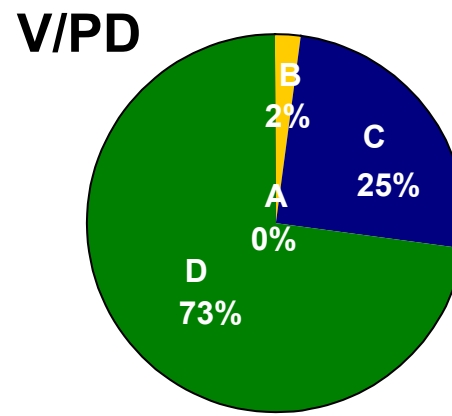
**OE**

**60**



**PD**

**139**



**V/PD**

**44**

**CY2001  
YTD TOTAL  
243**

**CY2000  
YTD TOTAL  
245**

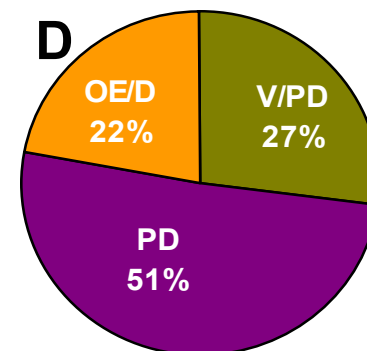
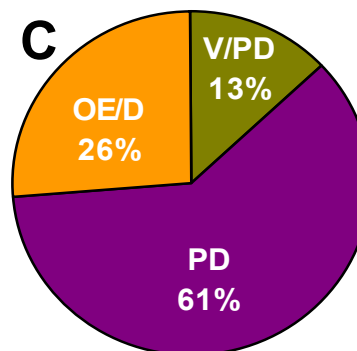
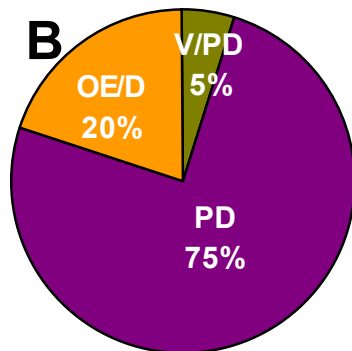
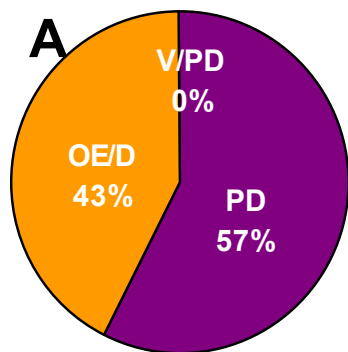
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**151**

**50**



# RUNWAY INCURSIONS CALENDAR YEAR (CY) TO DATE CATEGORY BY TYPE AS OF 08/01



## CATEGORY

**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**

**CY2001  
YTD TOTAL  
243**

**14**

**20**

**92**

**117**

**CY2000  
YTD TOTAL  
245**

**14**

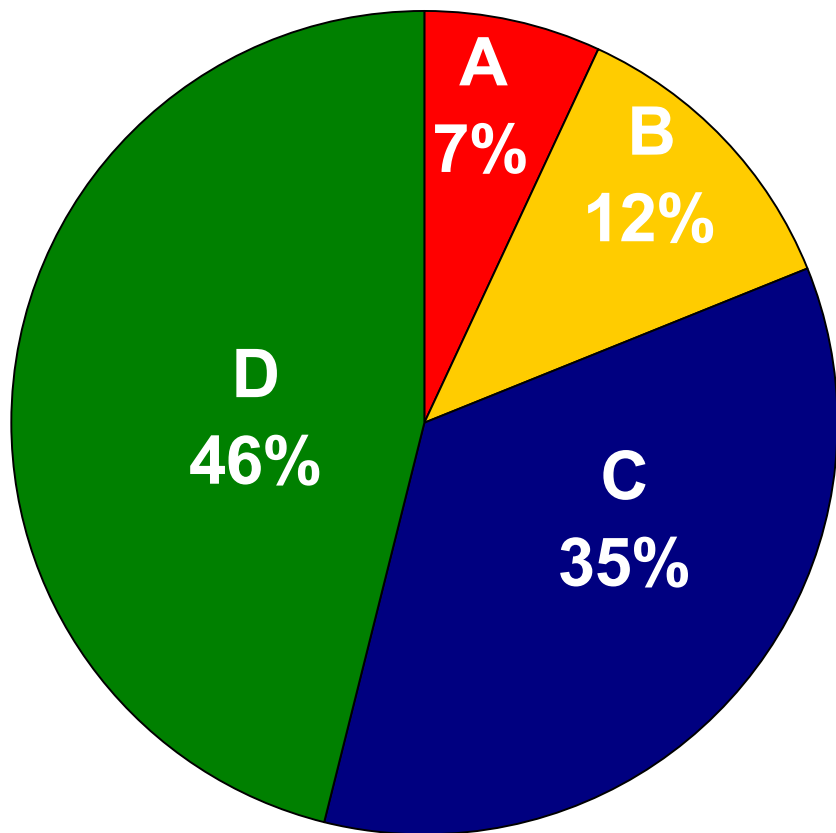
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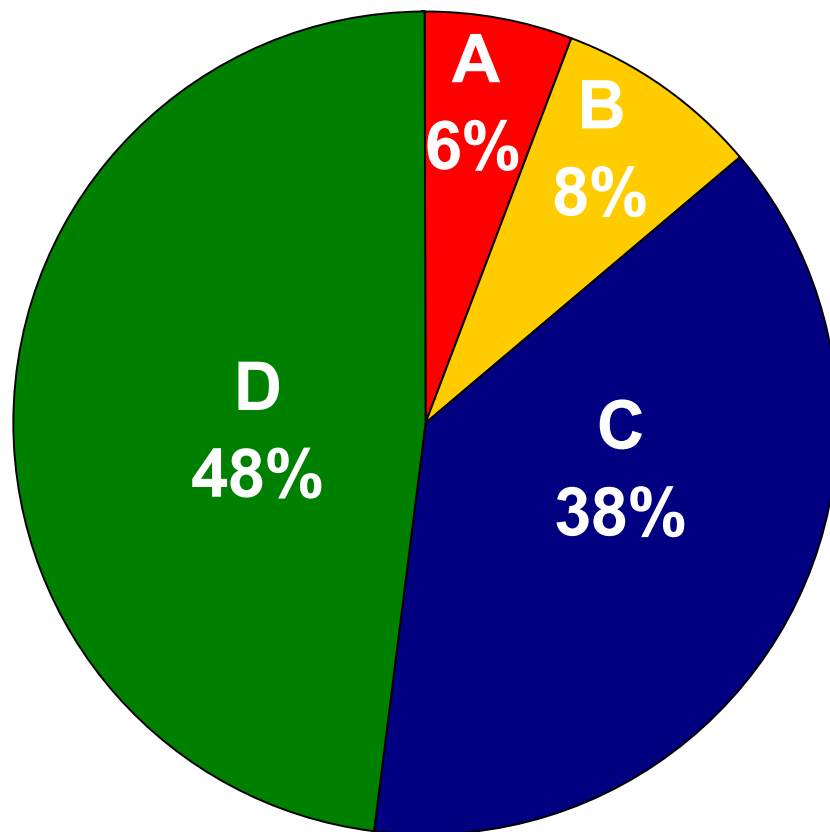
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## Severity Distribution of Reported Runway Incursions



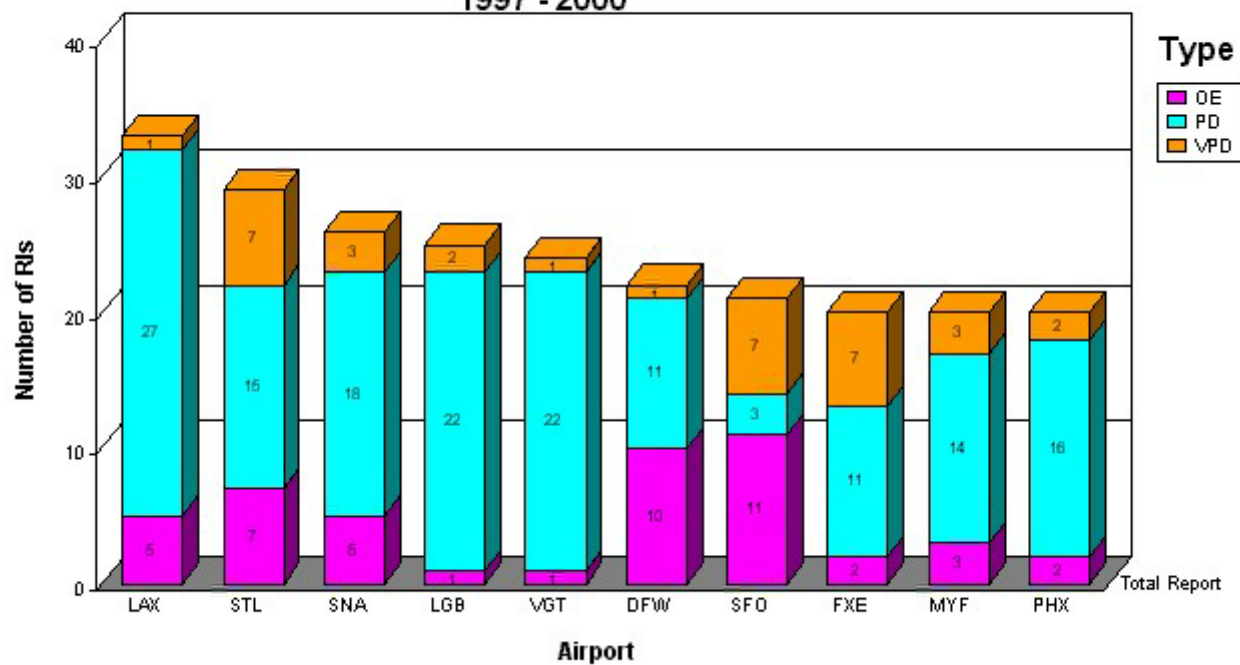
1997-2000



YTD 2001 (8/1)



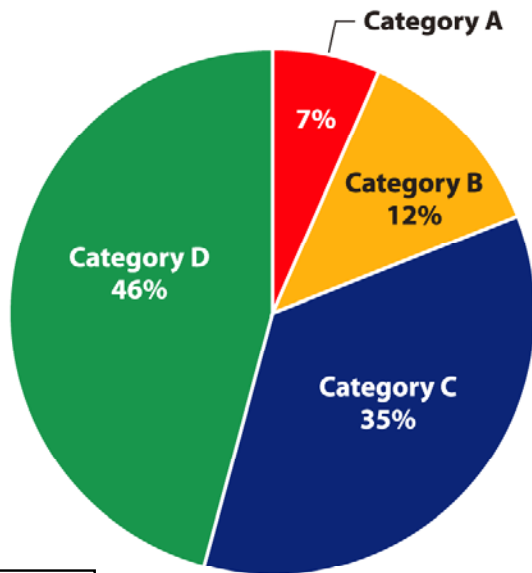
Top 10 Airports  
Runway Incursion TYPE  
1997 - 2000



## Number of Reported Runway Incursions by Severity

Figure 4.

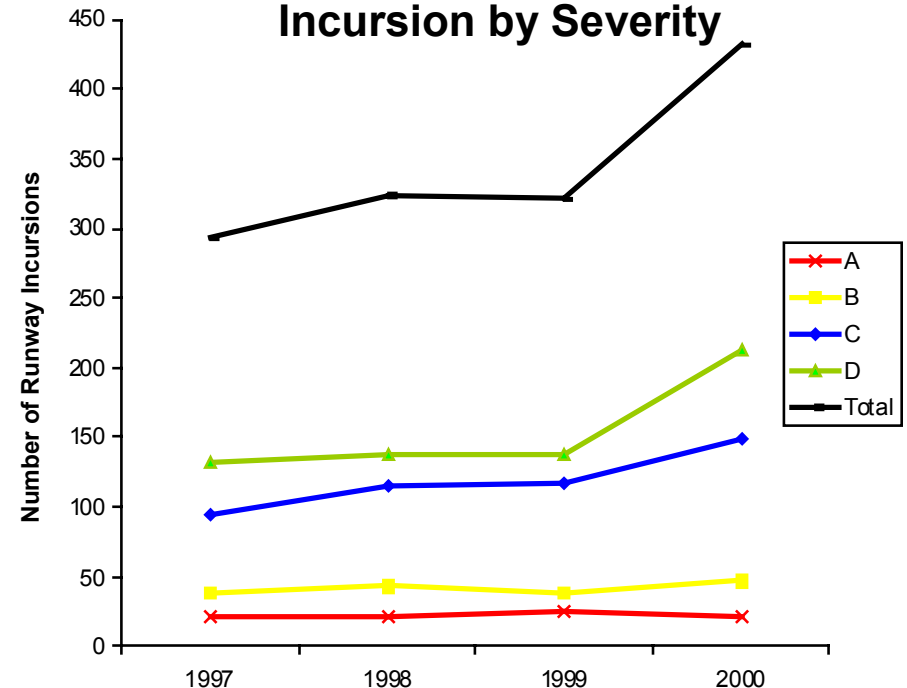
**Severity Distribution of  
Reported Runway Incursions  
1997-2000**



Total = 1359

- ▶ The distribution of runway incursion severity categories from 1997 to 2000 indicates that the majority (81%) of the incidents was comprised of Category C & D events.

**Number of Reported Runway  
Incursion by Severity**



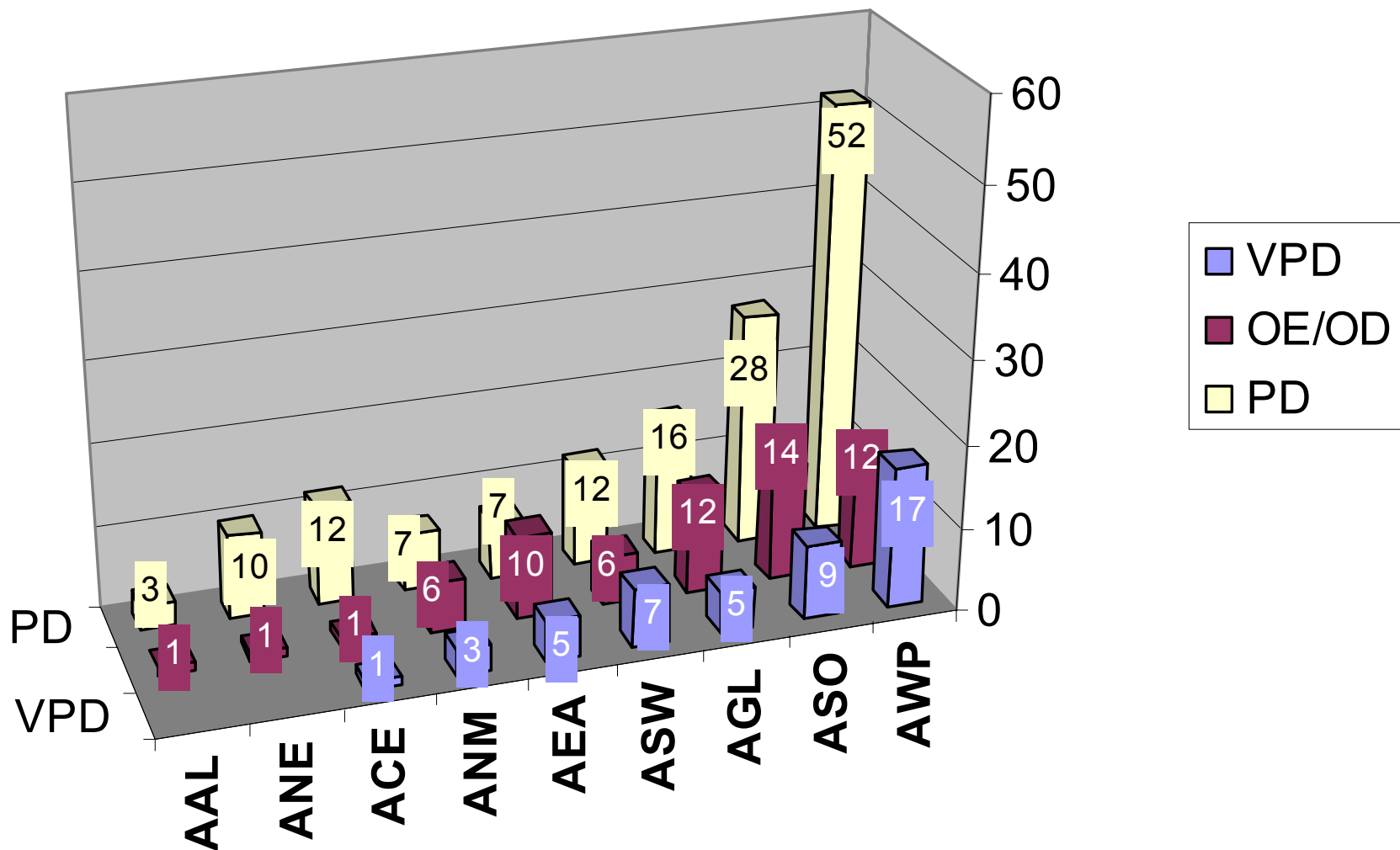
**Note:**

- The total numbers are: 292, 325, 321, 431
- Accidents are listed as A events (1 accident in 1997, 2 accidents in 2000)
- Does not include 10 events with insufficient data

- ▶ There were 110 more reported runway incursions in 2000 than in 1999. Category C & D events accounted for 106 out of these 110 events.

# Runway Incursions as of 21 Aug 2001

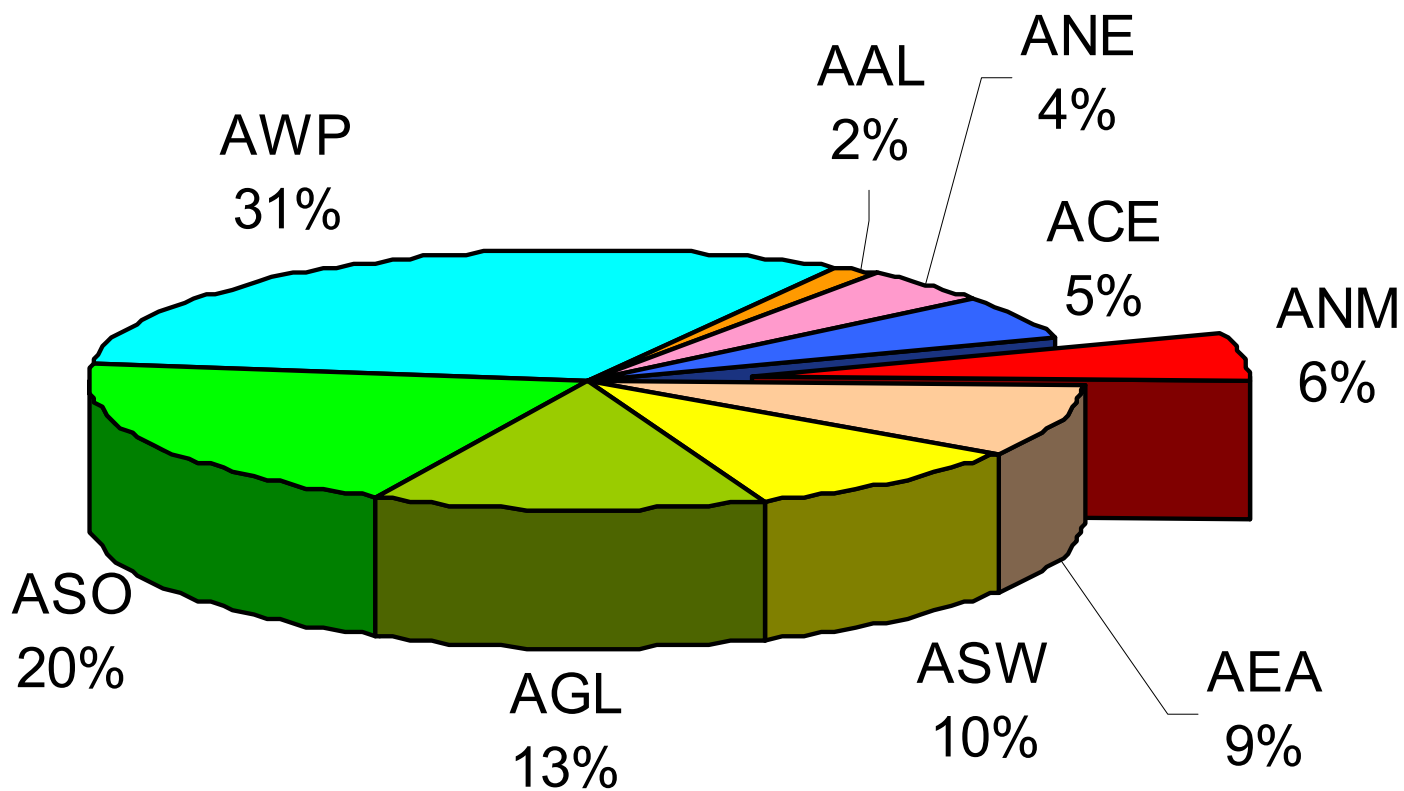
## Total = 257







## % of Total Runway Incursions





# Primary Causes of Runway Incursions

- Breakdown in Pilot/Ground Vehicle/Controller Communications
- Lack of Airport Familiarity
- Loss of Situational Awareness



# Snow Plow versus Wingtip





# Runway Safety Program

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# Runway Safety Program

*on the ground*

## Create your own Airport Runway Safety Website, *FREE!*

In an effort to promote safer surface operations, the Runway Safety Program now offers all airports, regardless of size or use, the ability to create their own websites. Airports can now inform the flying public about airport hot spots, local procedures, operations, runways specifications, communications, and much more. Airports will even have the option of posting pictures and diagrams. ▶ [create website](#)



## Airport Signs, Markings & Lighting

Knowing airport signs, markings & lighting is the cornerstone to safe surface operations. Take a few minutes and review the current standards. ▶ [view](#)







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# Runway Safety Program

*the cockpit*

## Airport Taxi Diagrams

To reduce runway incursions, the FAA has teamed up with the AOPA Air Safety Foundation to make taxi diagrams available for more than 330 of the busiest U.S. airports.

***The best part...it's free!*** [view](#)

**Airport  
Taxi  
Diagrams**

Great  
Idea!

## Operations at Towered Airports

This graphic-intensive Safety Advisory discusses the procedures for operating at towered airports. Learn about airport lighting, signs, markings, communications, procedures, charts, and much more. [view](#)



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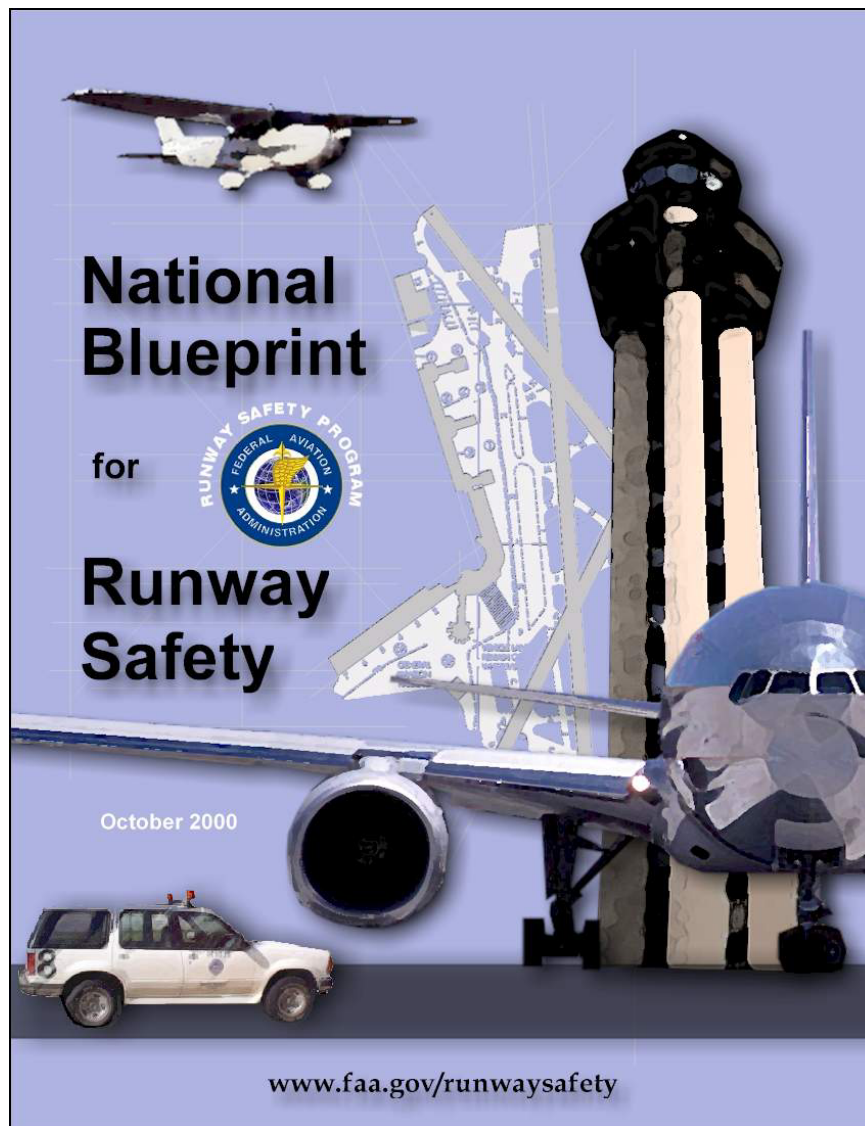
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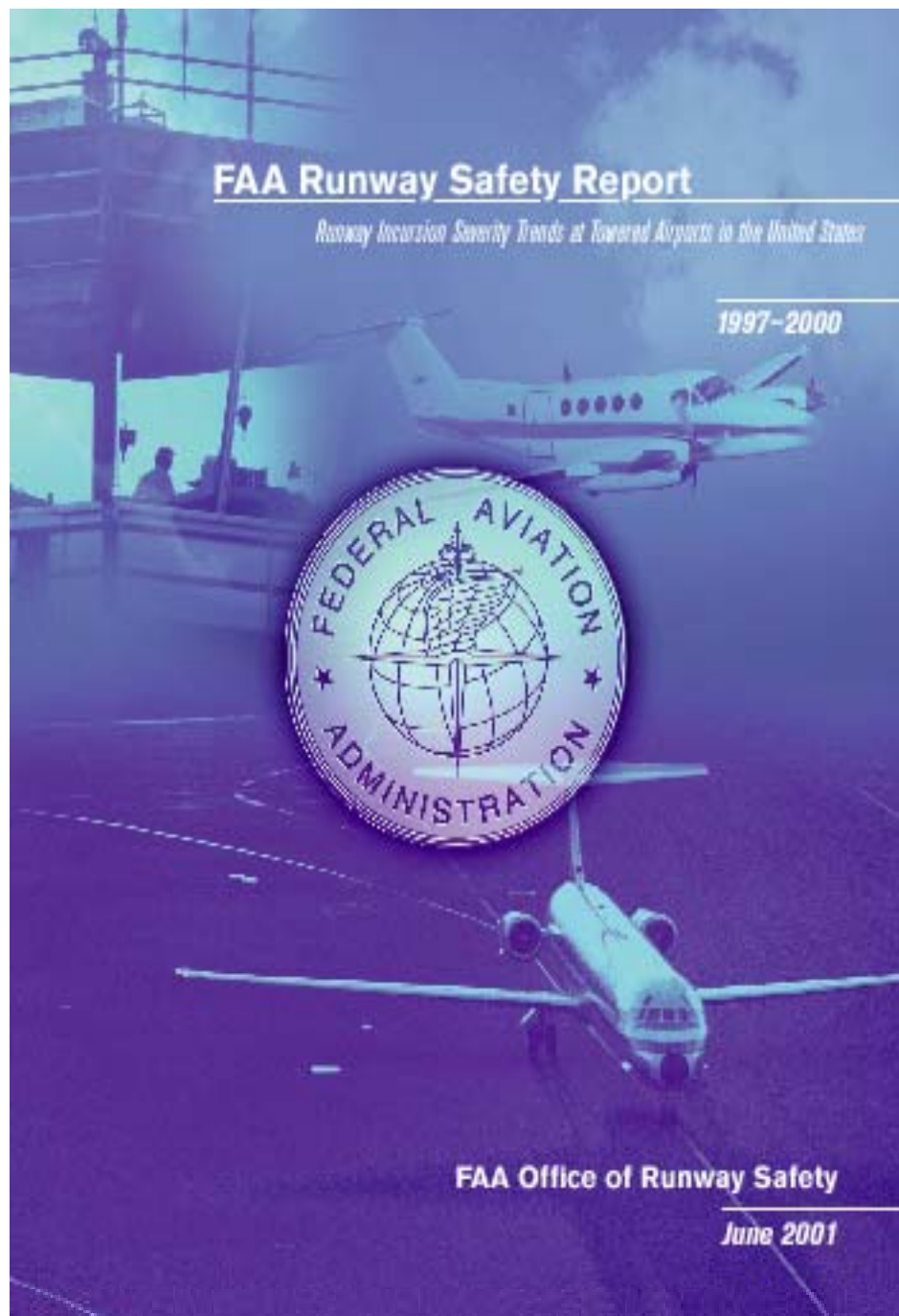
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## STATISTICAL DATA

- ▶ [Runway Incursion Totals CY00 vs. CY99 \(Updated Daily\)](#)
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- ▶ [Runway Incursion Totals CY00 vs. CY99](#)
- ▶ [2000 Runway Incursion Reduction Goal](#)
- ▶ [Runway Incursions by Category \(1988-1999\)](#)
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- ▶ [Pilot Deviations by Part \(1997-1999\)](#)





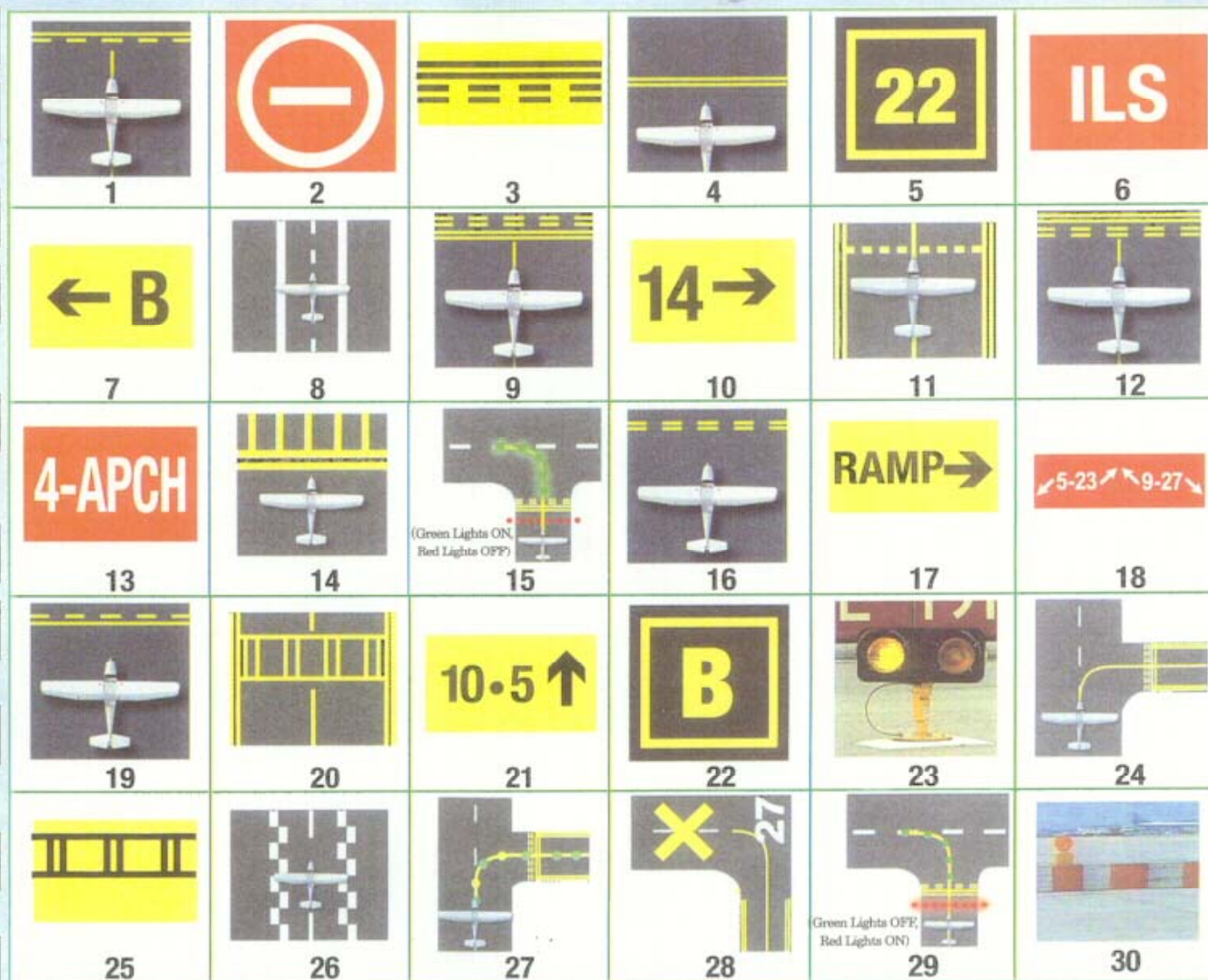


# Airport Signs & Markings Quiz

**Start Here**

Place the number(s) of each sign or marking matching the description in the description box.  
(Each sign or marking may be used once, more than once, or not at all.)

- A. Indicates you are approaching a runway .....
- B. Shows places you should not taxi an aircraft .....
- C. Indicates you do, or may, need ATC approval to cross .....
- D. Tells you the runway or taxiway you are on .....
- E. Sign giving you directions to a runway, taxiway, or other airport destination .....
- F. Indicates you're about to enter an area that could cause interference with an ILS signal .....
- G. Helps you find your way off a runway .....
- H. Confirms you are cleared onto a runway (tower - controlled airport) .....
- I. Used to indicate you're about to cross a runway approach or departure path .....
- J. Tells you where you should hold short of a crossing taxiway .....





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We Listen....

We Respond





# Pickup Truck versus B-747





Local Problems  
require local  
Solutions





**AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT AREA**



**DO NOT PROCEED  
WITHOUT CLEARANCE  
FROM PAINE TOWER**

**VEHICLES REQUIRE A  
FLASHING AMBER BEACON**





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**AIRCRAFT TAXIWAY  
TOWER CLEARANCE REQUIRED**










GATE  
E-3

**YOU ARE ENTERING AN AIR OPERATIONS AREA  
AUTHORIZED VEHICLES & PERSONNEL ONLY**

VIOLATORS MAY BE PROSECUTED UNDER SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE 15.08.651

STOP ON YELLOW LINE UNTIL GATE IS FULLY CLOSED BEHIND YOU

UNESCORTED FOLLOW-THROUGH VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED  
PLEASE REPORT VIOLATORS TO AIRPORT SECURITY 353-1606

DO NOT CROSS  WITHOUT ATC AUTHORIZATION

YIELD TO ALL AIRCRAFT  
SPEED LIMIT 15







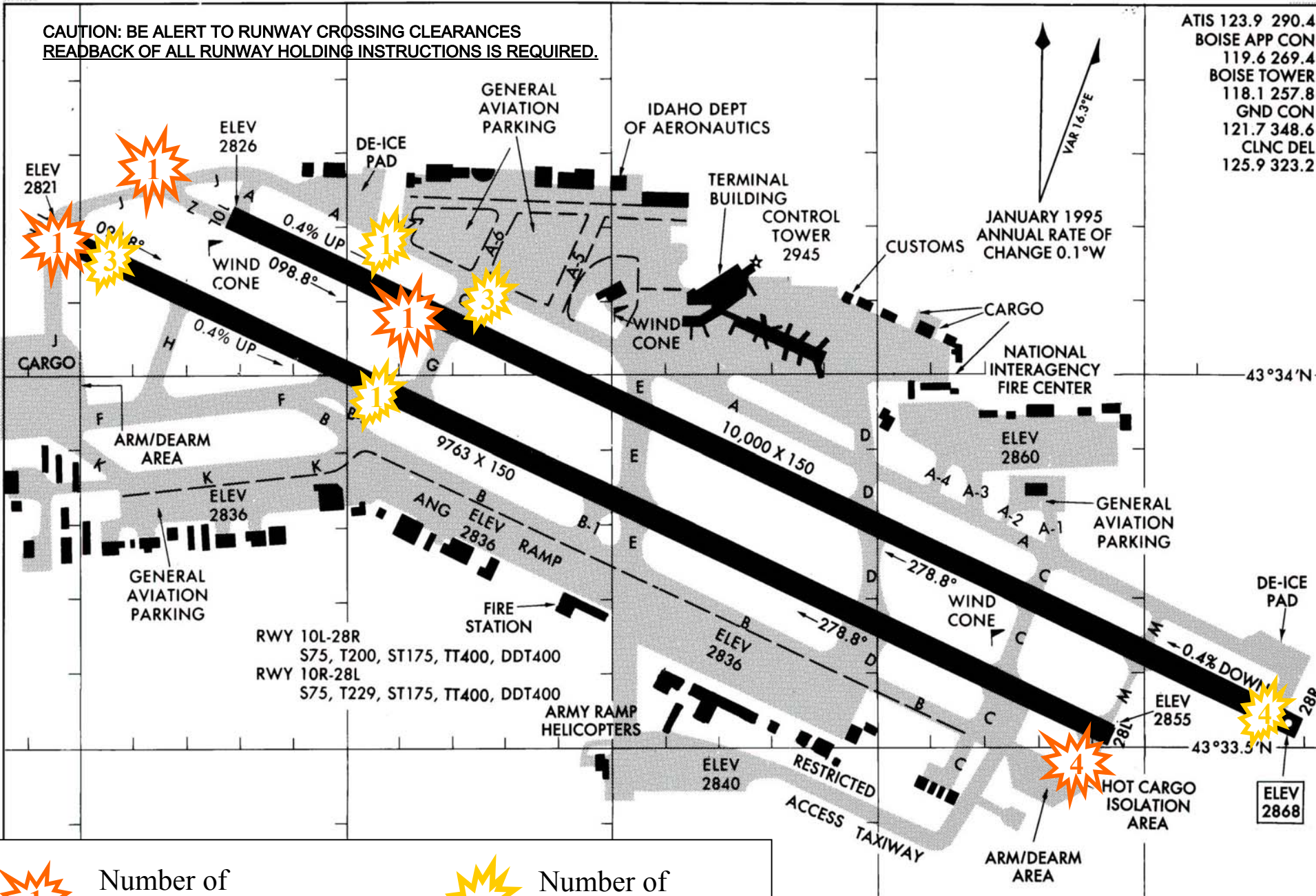
# Local Problems require local Solutions

- Airport Traffic Control Tower
- Boise Airport



**CAUTION: BE ALERT TO RUNWAY CROSSING CLEARANCES  
READBACK OF ALL RUNWAY HOLDING INSTRUCTIONS IS REQUIRED.**

ATIS 123.9 290.4  
BOISE APP CON  
119.6 269.4  
BOISE TOWER  
118.1 257.8  
GND CON  
121.7 348.6  
CLNC DEL  
125.9 323.2



Number of  
Runway Incursions  
at this location

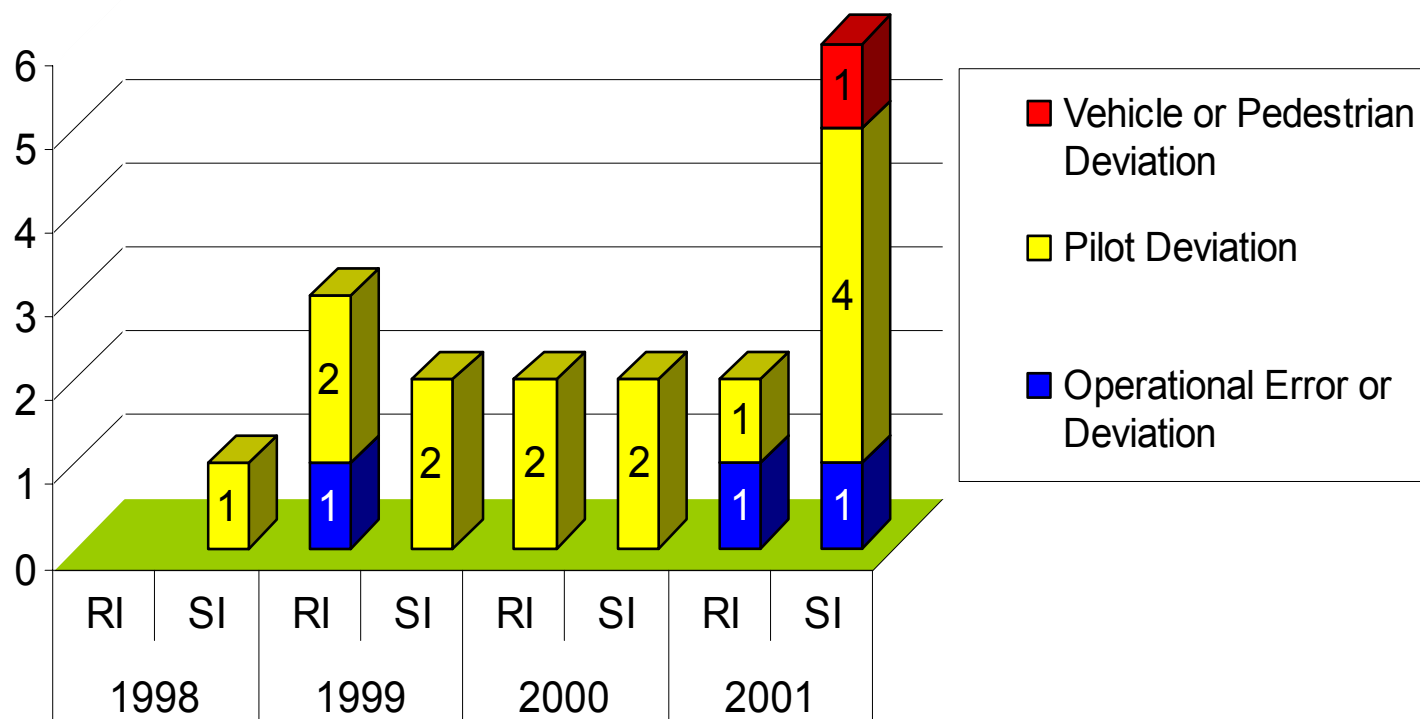


Number of  
Surface Incidents  
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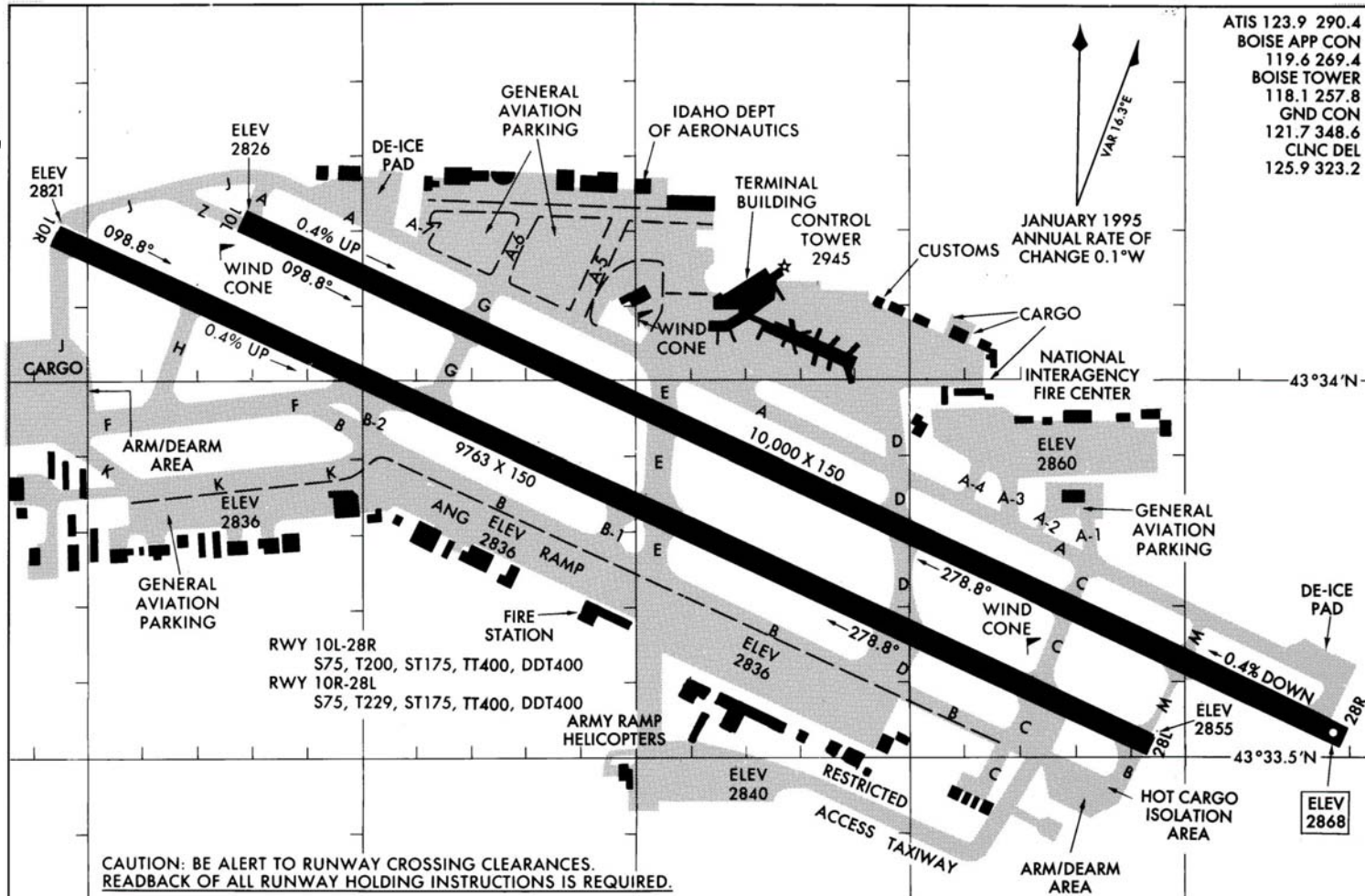
## Runway Incursions & Surface Incidents 1998-2001







# Boise 5/21/01 SIPP Action Items



PROJECT	Estimated Completion Date	Status / Responsibility
Double the width of taxiway centerlines	7/1/2001	COMPLETED
Current visibility & future service requires a taller tower. Boise ATCT will submit a request for a new tower and base building for FY2004 based on siting survey recommendation provided by Boise Airport Authority.	Proposal due 11/01/2001	BOI ATCT
Airport will install additional signs at approach end of Runway 10L and Twy J	9/1/2001	Signs ordered, awaiting delivery, expect installation by July 1, 2001 / BOI Airport Authority



# Runway Incursions 1999

•11/8/1999      PNMTBOI99006      C      PD

C172 entered Runway 28L without clearance, conflicting with a Bombardier CARJ on takeoff roll.

•7/27/1999      PNMTBOI99005      D      PD

A BE23, was cleared to land on Runway 28R. Aircraft landed on Runway 28L, which was closed due to vehicle on runway. Inves: pilot stated in an interview he did realize that Runway 28L at Boise was closed and had understood that he was cleared number two after a B-737 to land on Runway 28R. He said he felt two factors created the deviation: his back seat passenger was feeling ill, and he was concerned with the wake turbulence created by the B-737. He admitted that he usually flew out of small airports and that Class C airspace was new to him. The pilot was re-examined.

•6/14/1999      BOI-T-99-E-001 R      C      OE

A C414 was cleared for takeoff on Runway 10L as a C206 started to taxi across same runway.



# Runway Incursions 2000

- 10/5/2000 PNMTBOI000003 D PD

An A310 had just landed and had not exited the runway before a PC-12 started takeoff roll on Runway 10R after receiving instructions to taxi into position and hold.

- 2/19/2000 PNWM-BOI-2000-01 D PD

A C210 landed Runway 28R after receiving clearance to land 28L. PA28 was already over Runway 28 in front of the C210.



# Runway Incursions 2001

•4/14/2001 PNMTBOI01003 D PD

A Mooney MO20, called Local Control as he was crossing the hold short lines at Taxiway J and entered the departure end of Runway 10L without authorization and conflicted with a B737 on 1/2-mile final Runway 28R. The B737 was sent around to avoid loss of separation. 1733Z

•2/23/2001 BOIT01E001 D OE

Local Control cleared a Piper PA12, to land on Runway 28L with an airport vehicle at west end of runway. The PA12 exited at midfield; closest proximity reported was 5,000 feet horizontal.



# Surface Incidents 1998

- 12/1/1998 PD
- A C414 landed on closed runway (10R). Maintenance & Engineering on closed runway. (Originally an RI – reclassified by ATS-20 as an SI.)



# Surface Incidents 1999

- 11/10/1999 PD
- C172 cleared to land Runway 28L but instead landed 28R that was closed. (Originally an RI – reclassified by ATS-20 as an SI.)
- 6/1/1999 PD
- C182 landed closed Runway 28R after being cleared to land Runway 28L.
- 4/27/1999 PD
- A B-737 taxied onto Runway 28R without authorization, conflicting with a twin Cessna on short final and a Dash-8 on departure roll. Traffic was sent around to avoid loss of separation. (Originally an RI – reclassified by ATS-20 as an SI.)



# Surface Incidents 2000

- 12/21/2000 PD

A C150 taxied to Runway 10R after receiving and acknowledging instructions for Runway 10L.

- 12/5/2000 PD

A DH-8 crossed Runway 10L and taxied to Runway 10R after receiving instructions to Runway 10L.





# Surface Incidents 2001

2/16/2001 PNMTOBOI01002 PD

- A Pulsar (experimental), landed on Taxiway A then taxied across hold lines at Taxiway G and A to Runway 10L without clearance. No conflicts reported.

2/3/2001 PNMTOBOI01001 PD

- An Embraer E120, crossed Runway 10L without clearance. No conflicts reported.



# Surface Incidents 2001

5/4/2001

PNMTBOI01004

PD

- A DeHavilland DH-8 landed on Runway 28R. A Piper PA42 was cleared to taxi into position and hold for departure on Runway 28R at mid-field (intersection C). A Bombardier CARJ, was on 1¼-mile final. He responded with a squeal (later determined to be caused by a Fairchild SW4 which also acknowledged) and taxied into position. The Fairchild mistakenly took the clearance intended for the PA42 and taxied onto Runway 28R at the approach end. When the Dash 8 cleared the runway, the PA42 was cleared for takeoff, and the Bombardier was cleared to land.
- Seeing two aircraft on the runway, the Bombardier requested verification, which was given. The Bombardier again requested verification, referencing the "two aircraft on the runway." Local Control then issued a Go-Around with the Bombardier on a 1¼-mile final.
- The Fairchild realized his error from the ensuing communications traffic and, concerned about landing traffic, took off without further clearance. The PA42 was airborne and separation existed when the Fairchild departed; no loss of separation occurred between the Fairchild and the PA42.



# Surface Incidents 2001

5/25/2001      BOI-T-01-D-001      OE/D

- A C182, called for taxi from Turbo Air. Controller saw a Cessna on the north side of airport in the non-movement area and assumed it was correct aircraft. Aircraft was instructed to taxi to Runway 10L. Aircraft questioned instruction and controller confirmed Runway 10L. Aircraft was actually located at Turbo Air, which is at the south side of airport. Aircraft taxied to Runway 10L, as instructed, which caused the aircraft to cross Runway 10R without the controller completing necessary coordination with Local Controller. No other aircraft involved and no aircraft instructions were amended as a result. 1320Z



# Surface Incidents 2001

8/8/2001      VNMTBOI01001      S      V/PD

- A semi-truck left the hanger on the north side of the airport, and proceeded onto Taxiway A-7 without permission. The truck traveled to the service road and exited the airport. No two way communication was established with the vehicle. No loss of separation, no conflicts reported.

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- A Cessna C210, cleared to land Runway 10L instead landed Runway 10R without clearance. A DeHavilland DH8, beyond 2 mile final for Runway 10R, was sidestepped to Runway 10L. No loss of separation reported. 2205Z